

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Pete Waddington and Brian May for their preservation of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as individuals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy people are Pete Waddington and Brian May, who have restored Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary and established the prison as a tourist destination for visitors to Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, located in the mountain community of Petros, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary operated from 1896 until 2009; during its 113-year history, the penitentiary housed some of Tennessee's most violent and notorious inmates; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs Pete Waddington and Brian May have committed their time and finances to establish a vitalized commercial enterprise while maintaining the integrity of the history of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary now boasts the End of the Line Moonshine distillery, paranormal exploration, and prison tours, as well as a gift shop, music venue, and eatery; and

WHEREAS, Pete Waddington and Brian May epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Pete Waddington and Brian May for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Pete Waddington and Brian May for their preservation of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.